

REMARKS

Claims 24-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 5-23 are canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 24-32 are added. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Fenty at the interview held August 8, 2006, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

I. Formal Matters

During the personal interview, Examiner Fenty requested clarification of the claim phrase "thin film transistor," to allow a proper updated search to be conducted. As discussed during the interview, Applicant submits that this phrase is a term of art in the electronics field (abbreviated TFT) with a well-established meaning to one of ordinary skill in the art. Thus, further clarification is not believed to be necessary as the phrase itself provides an accurate search term.

During the personal interview, Examiner Fenty also requested clarification of the "concave portion" in proposed claim 31 as to whether it refers to an intermediate product or a final product. Applicant submits that this feature is a final structure of the complementary transistor circuit. For example, a single crystal grain is formed on the concave portion. When the single crystal grain is patterned into a semiconductor film of the complimentary transistor circuit, the concave portion remains because the concave portion is a part of the insulating film.

II. Pending Claims 24-32 Define Patentable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 5-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0092213A1 to Yamazaki. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, claims 1, 3 and 5-23 are canceled in favor of new claims 24-32.

Independent claim 24 recites a complementary thin film transistor circuit, comprising; *inter alia*, first and second thin film transistors wherein the first drain region and the second drain region are in contact with each other and the first source region is separated from the second source region. This is supported, for example, by Applicant's Fig. 1.

As agreed upon during the personal interview, Yamazaki fails to teach or suggest this feature. Accordingly, independent claim 24 and claims 26-32 dependent therefrom patentably distinguish over Yamazaki.

As also discussed during the personal interview, independent claim 25 recites a complimentary thin film transistor circuit, comprising, *inter alia*, first and second thin film transistors wherein the first drain region and the second drain region are in contact with each other and the first source region and the second source region are in contact with each other. This is supported, for example, by Applicant's Fig. 16.

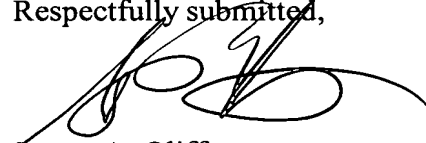
As agreed upon during the personal interview, Yamazaki fails to teach or suggest this feature. Accordingly, independent claim 25 patentably distinguishes over Yamazaki.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of pending claims 24-32 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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